IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Accompanying Continuation Application under 37 CFR 1.53:

Prior Application: T. NAKAMINAMI et al

Serial No. 09/523,382 Group Art Unit: 2155 Filed: March 10, 2000

Examiner: L. Wang

For: METHOD FOR CONTROLLING A DISTRIBUTED

SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application as follows.

IN THE TITLE

Please change the title to read --A METHOD FOR MANAGING AND CHANGING PROCESS OF CLIENT AND SERVER IN A DISTRIBUTED COMPUTER SYSTEM--.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, before the first line, add the paragraph:

This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/523,382, filed March 10, 2000.

Pages 1 and 2, the paragraph bridging these pages from page 1, line 12 to page 2, line 4, replace the bridging paragraph with: